

EDWARD HENRY AND LUCILLE CLUFF BURGNER



Edward Henry Burgener was born 8 April 1914 in Midway, a son of John Jacob and Clara Durtschi Burgener. John Jacob was the son of John and Mary Murri Burgener. John was the son of Jacob and Maria Muhlematter Burgener, who were early settlers of Midway.

Edward's mother Clara Durtschi, a daughter of Edward and Rosina Katherina Hiltbrand Durtschi, was a convert to the LDS Church from Switzerland. She left her family and home in Switzerland for the Gospel and came to Midway to make her home, a girl of 18. She came from Chicago to Midway alone not being able to speak English. She married John Jacob Burgener whom she met in Switzerland when he was a missionary for the LDS Church.

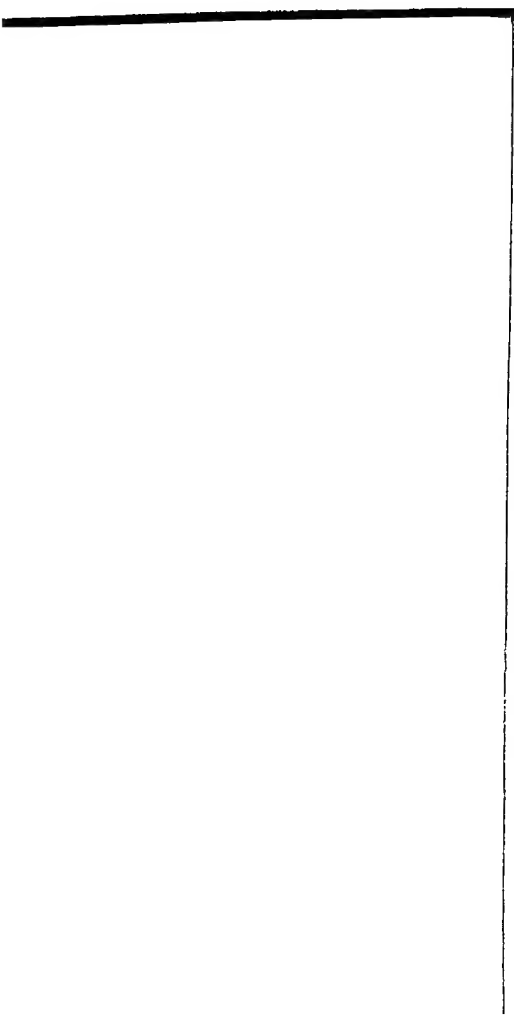
Edward lived in Midway until he was four years old when his family moved to Driggs, Teton Basin, Idaho. When he was in the 6th grade he came back to Midway to go to school while his father was on a short term mission to Canada, his second mission. He lived with his Grandmother Mary Murri Burgener at this time. His father died in Jan. of 1927 and later in the year the family moved to Pleasant View Ward north of Provo. Edward went on a mission to the Northern States in Nov. 1934 and returned Dec. 1936. He spent his entire mission in Wisconsin where he was District President for 13 months. He returned from the mission field on 24 Dec. 1936 and on 7 June 1937 he was married to Lucile

Cluff in the Salt Lake Temple. They went to Driggs, Idaho, the first summer where Edward was 2nd Counselor in the Teton Stake YMMIA Superintendency. They moved back to Provo where he was in Pleasant View Ward MIA Superintendency. On 8 Jan. 1939 he was sustained as 2nd Counselor in the Pleasant View Ward Bishopric in the Sharon Stake. They moved to Center Ward in Wasatch Stake in March of 1940, then back to Provo and then on 28 April 1941 they moved to their present home, one half mile north of the Center Ward Chapel. On the 20th of July 1941 he was sustained as ward clerk of Center Ward which position he held until he was sustained as Bishop of the Center Ward on 26 Feb. 1950 being the ninth Bishop of the Ward. During the time he was ward clerk he worked in the Stake and Ward MIA, serving wherever he was needed. He served as a Lake Creek Irrigation Board Member and President of the Board for several years. He was also a member of the Farmers Home Administration Committee of Wasatch County. He has always tried to serve the people of the community to the best of his ability. During his service as Bishop, the Ward remodeled and added on to the Amusement Hall, remodeled the chapel, and between the Hall and Chapel added needed classrooms, kitchen and Relief Society Room to make it more comfortable and convenient for the members of the Ward. He also assisted in making it possible for the Daughters of the Pioneers to erect a Monument on the church grounds honoring those buried in the Center Cemetery and fencing the burial grounds. His efforts have always been for the good of the people.

Lucile Cluff Burgener, wife of Bishop Edward H. Burgener was born 17 Nov. 1916 in the Pleasant View Ward, just north of Provo, Utah County, Utah. She is the daughter of Sidney H. and Kady Emeline Colvin Cluff. She is the great granddaughter of David Cluff, her grandfather, Samuel Sampson, was a brother of Benjamin, Joseph and Henry, early settlers of Center and Wasatch Valley. The family lived just north of the Benjamin Cluff place. Lucile grew up in the Pleasant View Ward, where she was born, entering school in the Page Elementary School and later going to the Lincoln Jr. High and Lincoln High School, graduating in May 1935. She attended the BYU the fall and winter of 1935-36. On 7 June

1937 she was married to Edward Henry Burgener. In Provo she was active in the church and 4-H activities. She has been active in the Center Ward, being in the Primary as president, secretary and teacher at different times. In the Sunday School as teacher, in the Relief Society as counselor, and teacher, in the MIA as secretary and teacher and the Genealogical as a home teacher.

Their children include Glen Cluff Burgener, born May 27, 1939 in Provo; Joyce Burgener, born April 13, 1942 in Heber; Arlene Burgener, born May 25, 1945 in Heber; Ruth Burgener born October 17, 1946 in Heber and Rex Cluff Burgener, born August 6, 1955 in Heber.



PIONEER CEMETERY — NO. 226

One half mile east and one-fourth mile northeast from this spot is a pioneer cemetery, given to Center Creek LDS Ward by William Blake, an early settler. It was used for several years for burials of Center and Lake Creek pioneers. Among those buried are the following: Lattie Cluff, Eliza Foster Cluff, Hammond Cluff, William Cole, Rebecca R. Cole, Samuel McRae Rooker, Emily W. Rooker, Jens N. Miller and Anna M. Miller. In 1877 the LDS Center Ward was organized with Benjamin Cluff as Bishop. He was succeeded by William Blake.

Wasatch County, Utah



Center Ward, Wasatch County, Utah is located in the upper end of Provo Valley, or that part of the valley lying east of Heber City. It originally included scattered settlers living along Lake Creek and Daniels Creek. The majority of the settlers resided on Center Creek where a small townsite had been surveyed. Nearly all the people were stock raisers or farmers who irrigated their land from Center Creek which rises in the mountains southeast of Provo Valley.

Among the first settlers in this vicinity were Thomas Ross, Joseph Fawcett, Joseph Cluff, James Adams, Jackson Smith and others who had taken up land fairly close together along the creek. In 1871, John Hardy and others came and soon a number of small cabins were erected. About 1877 fifteen families who resided on Center Creek, some six families who resided on Daniels Creek, and three families from Lake Creek were organized into a ward named Center Ward with Benjamin Cluff as Bishop.

In this community, as in all pioneer communities, many were called upon to make the supreme sacrifice that the desert might blossom as the rose. It was the custom of the pioneers to make burial plots for their loved ones as near the settlements as possible and this small cemetery, which was the final resting place of a number of its earliest settlers, has been honored by the placing of a suitable monument by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers of Wasatch County, that they and their works shall not be forgotten.

This monument was erected and dedicated in the year of 1956.